## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first and second full paragraphs of page 5 with the following amended paragraphs:

- (1) All the water-miscible organic solvents have a solubility of the dye of less than 10 (q/100 q) in the dye at 25°C; and
- (2) At least one of the water-miscible organic solvents has a solubility of the dye of not smaller than 10 (g/100 g) in the dye at 25°C, with the proviso that the sum of the amount of the water-miscible organic solvents having a solubility of the dye of not smaller than 10 (g/100 g) in the dye at 25°C is not greater than 10% of the weight of the ink;

Please replace the first and second full paragraphs of page 6 with the following amended paragraphs:

- (1) All the water-miscible organic solvents have a solubility of the dye of less than 10 (g/100 g) in the dye at  $25^{\circ}$ C; and
- (2) At least one of the water-miscible organic solvents has a solubility of the dye of not smaller than 10 (g/100 g) in the dye at 25°C, with the proviso that the sum of the amount of the water-miscible organic solvents having a solubility of the dye of not smaller than 10 (g/100 g) in the dye at 25°C is not greater than 10% of the weight of the ink;

$$A - N = N - B \tag{1}$$

wherein A and B each independently represent a heterocyclic group which may be substituted.

Please replace the fourth paragraph on page 6 with the following amended paragraph:

Item 5) The inkjet recording ink as defined in any one of Items 1) to 4), comprising at least two water-miscible organic solvents having a solubility of the dye of not smaller than 10 (g/100 g) in the dye at 25°C.

Please replace the first, second and third full paragraphs of page 40 with the following amended paragraphs:

- (1) All the water-miscible organic solvents have a solubility of the yellow dye of less than 10 (g/100 g), preferably less than 8 (g/100 g) in the yellow dye at 25°C; and
- (2) At least one of the water-miscible organic solvents has a solubility of the dye of not smaller than 10 (g/100 g) in the dye-at 25°C, with the proviso that the sum of the amount of the water-miscible organic solvents having a solubility of the yellow dye of not smaller than 10 (g/100 g) in the yellow dye at 25°C is not greater than 10%, preferably not greater than 8% of the weight of the ink.

In the case (2), it is preferable that the ink of the present invention contains at least one water-miscible organic solvent having a solubility of the dye of less than 10 (g/100 g). The preferable ratio of the total amount of the water-miscible organic solvent(s) having a solubility of the dye of less than 10(g/100 g) to the total amount of the water-miscible organic solvent(s) having a solubility of the dye of not smaller than 10 (g/100 g) is 1/0 to 1/1.

## Please replace the first and second full paragraphs of page 41 with the following amended paragraphs:

In the case where there are two or more water-miscible organic solvents having a solubility of the dye of not smaller than 10 in the dye contained in the ink set comprising the ink of the invention, the sum of the amount of the two or more water-miscible organic solvents is preferably not greater than 10% of the total weight of the inks.

As the water-miscible organic solvents to be used in the invention, those meeting either of the requirements (1) and (2) can be selected from any known water-miscible solvents. In the aforementioned requirement (2), one or more water-miscible organic solvents having a solubility of the yellow dye of less than 10 (g/100 g) in the yellow dye of the invention at 25°C may be included.